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Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 through F5, as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/005819, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. These references are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F5, a copy of the International Search Report, in Japanese, accompanies this paper. Although the Search Report is not in English, the categories designating the relevancy as

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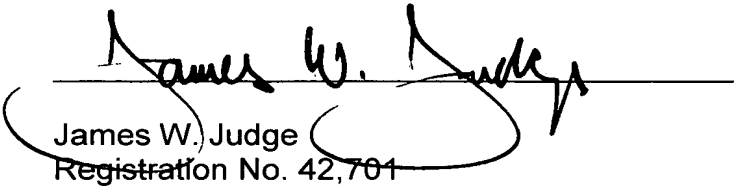
Furthermore, Cite No. F1 is cited in paragraph [0008], and discussed in paragraphs [0004] through [0007] in the Background Art section of the present specification. Also, attached to the back of Cite No. F1 are U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0172963, and European Pat. App. Pub. No. EP 1 336 436, English documents that are patent application family members corresponding to Cite No. F1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, and to make the document of record in the present application.

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